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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF, IT, ET, US
SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

REF: STATE 48555

1. ETHIOPIAN CHARGE DR. AYALEW ASSAYE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY HE DOES NOT WISH RETURN ETHIOPIA AS INSTRUCTED BY FONMIN AND DESIRES TO GO U.S. EMBASSY EXPLAINED REFUGEE PROCEDURES TO HIM AND SUGGESTED HE SEEK HELP FROM INTERNATIONAL RESUCE COMMITTEE. THE LATTER HAS ASKED HIM TO DISCUSS HIS CASE WITH UN REFUGEE COMMISSIONER.

2. CHARGE HAS WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN HERE AND EXPECTS TO BE TURNED OUT OF RESIDENCE THIS WEEK BY CONSUL WHO, HE STATES, IS SECURITY OFFICIAL. HE STATES THERE VARIOUS AGENTS WORKING FOR GOE HERE AND FEARS AT LEAST VILIFICATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIM IN ROME. ALSO STATES HE BELIEVES HE WOULD BE KILLED IF HE RETURNED TO EHIOPIA.
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3. ASSAYE, ABOUT 50, IS CHRISTIAN FROM CENTRAL EHIOPIA. GRADUATED FROM ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY IN 1961 AND HE HAS SERVED AS TEACHER AT UNIVERSITY, DIRECTOR STATE PRINTING PLANT AND ASSISTANT MINISTER OF DEFENSE FOR LOGISTICS. HE WAS ARRESTED IN 1974 AND SPENT 13 MONTHS IN PRISON BEFORE BEING RELEASED

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AND OFFERED POST IN ROME.

4. ASSAYE'S STATUS HERE WILL BECOME AMBIGOUS ONCE
GOE MOVES TO END HIS ACCREDITATION TO GOI. ONCE
THAT HAPPENS HE WILL PROBABLY BE FORCED TO SEEK REFUGEE
STATUS IN ITALY. HE WILL PROBABLY APPLY EVENTUALLY FOR
SEVENTH PREFERENCE STATUS.GARDNER

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